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LECTURE OFFERS NEW LOOK AT WORLD LITERATURE

MISSOULA—

"Rethinking 'World Literature': From Goethe's Idea to Harold Bloom's The Western Canon" is the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Wladimir Romuald Krynski, professor of comparative literature at the University of Montreal and adjunct research professor of comparative literature at Carleton University in Ottawa, will present the lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in the University Center Ballroom.

Earlier that day, from 3:40 to 5 p.m., Krynski will give a seminar titled "The Novel: The Survival of the Fittest" in Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Krynski, who speaks or reads eleven languages, is one of the foremost international specialists in world and comparative literatures. His teaching fields and expertise cover French, Polish, Russian, Italian and Spanish literature of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, as well as modern and postmodern theater and literary theory.

In the evening lecture, Krynski will discuss changing conceptions of literature from Goethe's time to our own.

Krynski received his doctoral degree in comparative literature at the University of

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Strasbourg, France, in 1966. He has taught in countries throughout the world, including Italy, Argentina, Israel, France and Germany, and has published six books in Italian, French and Spanish. He currently is working on four additional books for publication in French and English.

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